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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: **AUTOMATIC DATABASE STATISTICS CREATION**

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 1-9, 11, and 12.

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Please add claims 20 through 28, to appear as follows:

20. The computer of claim 10, wherein said threshold value
is a constant.

21. The computer of claim 10, wherein said threshold value
is a function of the data.

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